

TO: Commissioner Michael Gongora, Chair

Members of the Sustainability Committee

Maui Goodbeer – Appointed by Commissioner Jerry Libbin
Lanette Sobel – Appointed by Commissioner Jorge Exposito
Debra Leibowitz – Appointed by Commissioner Deede Weithorn
Liliam Furst – Appointed by Commissioner Jonah Wolfson
Luiz Rodrigues – Appointed by Commissioner Ed Tobin
Gabriole Van Bryce – Appointed by Commissioner Michael Gongora
Mitch Novick – Appointed by Mayor Matti Herrera Bower

DATE: December 13, 2011

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF December 13,

2011

The meeting of the Sustainability Committee was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011.

The attendees were as follows: Committee members: Committee Chair Commissioner Michael Gongora, Gabriole Van Bryce, Liliam Furst, Maui Goodbeer, Luiz Rodrigues Debra Leibowitz and Mitch Novick

Absentees: Lanette Sobel

City Staff: Duncan Ballantyne, Assistant City Manager, Fred Beckmann, Public Works Director, and Elizabeth Wheaton, Acting Environmental Resources Manager.

Minutes review. Ms. Debra Leibowit inquired about the status of the Recycling Ordinance.
Ms. Wheaton stated that the Ordinance will be going to the Finance and Citywide Projects
Commission Committee (FCWPC) in January. Ms. Wheaton will send the Committee the
date of the next FCWPC meeting. Ms. Leibowitz made a motion requesting that the
Committee receive a copy of the Ordinance before it goes to FCWPC. Motion to
approve minutes Debra Leibowitz. Seconded by Maui Goodbeer. Passed
unanimously.

2. Sustainability Committee Work Plan.

a) Economic Development- Miami-Dade County Green Business Certification Program- Maribel Balbin and Maggie Fernandez presented an overview of the program to the Committee. The County is offering \$1 million in commercial rebates to local businesses for the purchase of new Energy Star appliances. The objective of the program is to help decrease energy consumption and increase savings on local businesses' energy bills by encouraging the replacement of older and inefficient appliances. To qualify for this rebate businesses must complete the Green Business Certification Application Checklist online (green.miamidade.gov). The commercial rebates are being utilized as leverage to increase participation in the Miami-Dade Green Business Certification Program. The rebate amount will be determined on a case-by-case basis, and is not to exceed \$10K per business. This program is funded through the County's Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant program, awarded by the US Department of Energy.

The County would like to see the City of Miami Beach take a leadership role and supervise and administer the Green Business Certification Program for business in Miami Beach. In addition, the Committee recommended that the City investigate the potential of owning the Green Business Certification Program once the Recycling Ordinance has passed and a Sustainability Officer is hired. Debra Leibowitz made a motion for the City to disseminate information via the City's website, email blasts, MB Magazine, and other relevant communication outlets about the availability of these commercial rebates. Seconded by Luiz Rodrigues. Passed unanimously. ACTION: Ms. Betsy Wheaton to work with the City's Communication's Department to get the word out about this great program.

b) Green Building- Robert Arkin provided the Committee with feedback regarding his experience with permitting process associated with building a Platinum LEED house at 2020 Alton Road. He provided the Committee with "Attachment A" that illustrates his concerns and is recommendations on how to improve the City's Green Building Program. ACTION: City staff to set up meeting with Stephen Scott, Building Director as well as Jorge Gomez, Assistant City Manager to discuss the current permitting process for LEED projects. Ms. Gabriole VanBryce will be invited to this meeting.

New Business

1. The Committee decided January 17, 2012 will be the date for the next meeting. All agree that meetings should stay on the third Tuesday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

The proceedings of this meeting have been recorded. Please contact Patricia Bocio at 305.673.7080 or phocio@miamibeachfl.gov for more information.

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